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Commissioner for Patents
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December 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 27, 2003, and as a result of the filing of a Notice of Appeal on November 26, 2003, the period for reply thereto expiring on January 26, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.